# **Precious Memories**









# **Pall Bearers**

Nephews

# Flower Bearers

Nieces



The Family of

Freida R. Hines
acknowledges with sincere appreciation,
the many acts of kindness and
expressions of sympathy.





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# **Obituary**

Freida R. Thompson, born January 10, 1961 in Winston-Salem, NC, was the last child of the late James Fred and Virginia Hines Thompson. The baby of the family, Freida loved reading and excelled academically at Easton Elementary and Hill High School. As a ninth grade student (1976), she received a three year scholarship to attend Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, NH where she graduated in 1979. Freida then earned her Bachelor of Arts in Economics (1983) from The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, where she was a charter member of the Xi Lambda (1982) chapter of Zeta Phi Beta, Inc.

Freida returned to Winston-Salem where she held several positions at Piedmont Federal Savings and Loan (Downtown) where she earned Course Completion Awards from 'The Institute of Financial Education (1983-1984). She moved on to be Night Auditor for the Comfort Inn Courtyard (University Parkway), and then was the Account Manager for Camel Pawn Shop & Fine Jewelry for thirty years.

Freida accepted Christ at an early age and joined First Waughtown Baptist Church. As a youth, she was an active member of the Junior Usher Board, Sunday School, Baptist Training Union (BTU), and Junior Missionaries. Later, she served on the Adult Usher Board.

Freida was brilliant in math and was the go-to sister/aunt for all levels of math assistance. Daily, she enjoyed the challenge of solving puzzles in newspapers and books —crypto quotes, jumbles, Sudoku, and crossword puzzles.

Freida now joins in eternity, her parents, siblings — Mustafa (Toby), Betty, Virginia Mae, Flay, Jecova, Austella, Audrey Fay, Sandra Kay, Gaddy (nephew raised as a brother)— and with the precious niece she raised, Jecova Collins.

Freida was passionate about family. She leaves to enjoy her funny antics and precious memories, her god-daughter, Ellesha (Miranda) Waters-Wellman; siblings, Earline (Dale, Sr) Martin, Fannetta (Clarence, Sr) Gore, Carl B Hines, Jeanette Kelly, and Dr. Constance Burke; two nieces raised as sisters, Alease T Reid and Faye C Evans; and many nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews that she poured her life into and made feel so special.

### 'Hug, Hug'

### The Rain Could Not Touch Her

#### (Dedicated to Freida Annette Thompson)

She was my youngest first cousin, the youngest child of Virginia Hines.

She was of another generation from me – another culture – from different times.

I did not know her that well, for she was born after I left.

So I never held her when she was a baby, never pressed her against my chest.

But I knew her, and loved her, of course, for she was my cousin,

So she was just apart of the others – all my cousins that I were loving.

I remember the first time I saw her drive a car. We were coming from the family church - the church that is out so far.

Freida was driving, we were following her. She was showing us the way.

And as we rode, it began to rain that day. And Freida, in her convertible, continued to drive. She was showing us the way.

I was astonished, for she did not put up her hood.

And because her car was a convertible, I thought that she should.

When we reached our destination, I inquired about that strange thing.

And I told her I was upset because she was now wet.

But she made the most astonishing remark.

She said, "The rain can not touch me." And she was not wet.

I called her a few times after that to see how she fared.

And realized after talking to her that the rain had not dared – to touch her.

For she remained upbeat, always happy and sweet.

And the rain, still defeated, just fell down to her feet.

For Freida had found, in her own spiritual sphere,

A way to keep slanting rain away – and not near.

So rain could not touch her.

# Order of Service

### **Family Visitation**

12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Processional** Scriptures Collect

**Presiding** Minister Nawatha Carter

Selection FWBC Choir

**Scriptures** 

Old Testament Appointee
New Testament Appointee

Prayer of Comfort Appointee

**Duet** 'God Shall Wipe All Tears Away' Sis. Sharon C. Bishop and Rev. Dr. D.W. Bishop

Resolutions

Church Appointee Community Jorge Corral

Family Ellesha Waters-Wellman

Dr. Lucretia Berry

Thurmond R. Carter

Poet Elaina Barron

**Selection** FWBC Choir

**Message form the Word** Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Bishop

**Invitation for Salvation** 

Recessional

Interment Clifton Grove Baptist Church

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